

What Does the Fossil Record Reveal?

If evolution is true then the fossil record should show a gradual change through time. If creation is true then we should see no transitional fossils and a sudden appearance of the various life forms. Notice the following quotes from evolutionists:

"on the sudden appearance of groups of Allied Species in the lowest known fossiliferous strata. (Subheading chapter 9) There is another and allied difficulty, which is much graver, I allude to the manner in which number of species of the same group, suddenly appear in the lowest know fossiliferous rocks.. But the difficulty of understanding the absence of vast piles of fossiliferous strata, which on my theory now doubt were somewhere accumulated before the Silurian epoch, is very great The case at present must remain inexplicable; and may be truly urged as a valid argument against the views here entertained." (Origin of Species-Charles Darwin)

"The several difficulties here discussed, namely our not finding in the successive formations infinitely numerous transitional link between the many species which now exist or have existed; the sudden manner in which whole groups of species appear in our European formations; the almost entire absence, as at present known, of fossiliferous formations beneath the Silurian strata, are all undoubtedly of the gravest nature. We see this in the plainest manner by the fact that all the most eminent paleontologists, namely Cuvier, Owen, Agassiz, Barrande, Falconer, Forbes, &c., and all our great geologist, as Lyell, Murchision, Sedgwick, &c,. have unanimously, often vehemently, maintained the immutability of the species." (Origin of Species-Charles Darwin)

"Why then is not every geological formation and every stratum full of such intermediate links? Geology assuredly does not reveal any such finely graduated organic chain; and this' perhaps, is the most obvious and gravest objection which can be urged against my theory. The explanation lies, as I believe in the extreme imperfection of the geological record." (Origin of Species-Charles Darwin)

"Geological research, though it has added numerous species to existing and extinct genera, and has made the intervals between some few groups less wide than they otherwise would have been yet has done scarcely anything in breaking down the distinction between species, by connecting them together by numerous, fine, intermediate varieties; and this not having been effected, is probably the gravest and most obvious of all the many objections which may be urged against my views." (Origin of Species-Charles Darwin)

"Their (vertebrates) sudden appearance in a variety of forms in the late Silurian (438 mya) and Devonian (408 mya) corresponds with the earliest occurrence of abundant freshwater sediments in the geological record."

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.. Underlying their forcefully presented viewpoint is the fact that a gradual change or transition from one species to another is often missing in the fossil record.

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The fossil record supports creation. There are no transitional forms in the fossil record and the various life forms appear suddenly.